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Our Case No. 9281/4665

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroshi Ushimaru

Serial No. 10/654,171

Filing Date: September 3, 2003

For FITTING STRUCTURE FOR
KNOBS

Examiner: Ernesto Garcia

Group Art Unit No. 3679

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (7pp.)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	18	Minus	20	0	x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.	1	Minus	3	0	x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

7/19/04
Date

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 46,193)